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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOP REGARDING A PROPOSED NEW DIESEL PARTICULATE MATTER CONTROL MEASURE FOR ON-ROAD HEAVY-DUTY DIESEL-FUELED PUBLICLY-OWNED AND OPERATED VEHICLES

Background: In August 1998, the Air Resources Board (ARB or the Board) identified particulate matter (PM) exhaust from diesel-fueled engines as a toxic air contaminant. Following that determination, the ARB developed the *Risk Reduction Plan to Reduce Particulate Matter Emissions from Diesel-Fueled Engines and Vehicles*, which was approved by the Board in September 2000. This plan identified a number of air toxic control measures to reduce public exposure to diesel PM, including the use of emission control devices or strategies on in-use engines.

On May 16, 2002, the Board approved the Diesel Emission Control Strategy Verification Procedure, Warranty and In-Use Compliance Requirements For On-Road, Off-Road, And Stationary Diesel-Fueled Vehicles And Equipment. The Board adopted revisions to this regulation on February 26, 2004. In addition, on September 25, 2003, the Board adopted a diesel PM control measure for solid waste collection vehicles. For more information about these items, you may access ARB's website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/diesel/verdev/verdev.htm> and www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/swcv/swcv.htm.

Workshop: These proposed new regulations apply to all municipalities, or public agencies, that own or operate heavy-duty diesel-fueled vehicles in California. Staff is considering whether this proposed rule should also apply to privately-owned utilities, as publicly-owned utilities would be covered under the definition of a municipality. The rule proposes that public agencies, and possibly private utilities, reduce the diesel PM emissions from their on-road heavy-duty diesel-fueled vehicles.

ARB has previously conducted a workshops on this item on April 3, 2003 and December 2 to 3, 2003. The ARB staff has reviewed the comments received and, in some cases, incorporated suggested changes to the proposed regulations. The most current draft of the proposal will be posted on the website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/publicfleets/publicfleets.htm>.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

California Environmental Protection Agency

The following dates and times have been scheduled to provide an overview of the revised draft regulations and receive public comments. For those unable to attend these meetings, a live Internet audio broadcast will be available. The broadcast can be accessed on the day of the Monday, May 17th workshop at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast>. Please note that the workshop may end earlier than scheduled if all issues have been discussed.

Date: Monday, May 17, 2004
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Location: Air Resources Board
Cal EPA Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 "I" Street
Sacramento, California 95814

The Sacramento workshop on Monday, May 17, 2004 will be webcast on the ARB website. For more information, go to:
http://www.arb.ca.gov/app/calendar/cal_wbcst.php

Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2004
Time: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Location: Air Resources Board
Auditorium, Annex 4
9530 Telstar Avenue
El Monte, California 91731

Staff encourages comments regarding this proposed on-road heavy-duty public fleets rule and would appreciate receiving written comments by June 10, 2004. Timely submittal of comments allows staff time to address comments before the proposed regulation order is submitted to the Board for consideration in late 2004. Please send your comments to Ms. Sharon Lemieux, Staff Engineer, by email at sclemieu@arb.ca.gov and copy Dr. Nancy L.C. Steele, Manager, by email at nsteele@arb.ca.gov, or by mail attention Ms. Sharon Lemieux, ARB, 9480 Telstar Avenue, Suite 4, El Monte California 91731.

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If you have special accommodation or language needs, or have any questions or comments regarding the workshop, please contact Ms. Neidy Pinuelas, Secretary, Heavy Duty Diesel In-Use Strategies Branch, at npinuela@arb.ca.gov or (626) 350-6454, as soon as possible. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Cross", followed by a long horizontal flourish line extending to the right.

Robert H. Cross, Chief
Mobile Source Control Division